

DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
STATEWIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND NETWORK DIVISION

AGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE

BULLETIN 06-02

DATE: May 23, 2006

**SUBJECT: SBC AND MCI NOW DOING BUSINESS AS AT&T AND VERIZON
BUSINESS/INVOICE PAYMENTS**

ACTION:

- The Chief Agency Telecommunications Representative should distribute copies of this bulletin to the Accounts Payable staff who review and pay telephone invoices, to managers, and others in your organization that may be affected by this information.

BENEFITS:

- Confirms recent name changes for the joint CALNET I Contractors to help customers identify the appropriate contractor when reviewing invoices.
- Provides important invoice payment information that will help prevent invoice payments from being rejected.

KEY POINTS:

- SBC acquired AT&T and now operates in California under the name AT&T California.
- MCI merged with Verizon and now operates as part of Verizon Business.
- The Statewide Integrated Billing System (SIBS) invoices will reflect the new AT&T and Verizon business logos, beginning with the June 1, 2006 bill round.
- The invoice Payee line will be changed beginning June 1, 2006:
 - "Old" Payee line: Make checks payable to SBC/MCI
 - "New" Payee line: Make checks payable to AT&T/MCI

NOTE: For SIBS payments, Verizon Business has elected to continue to use the MCI name.

- Remittances will be payable to "AT&T/MCI" beginning with the June 1, 2006 invoice. However, some invoices may not be updated in time for the June 1, 2006 release. **Therefore, pay close attention to the Payee line and make checks out the way the Contractor is identified on the Payee line.** Payments not made out the same as the wording on the Payee line will be rejected.

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- CALNET customers will not be required to complete a new Payee Data Record (Std. 204), as there are no changes to the vendors' tax identification.
- CALNET Contract customers will continue to submit requests for telecommunications services and report service issues through the California Major Account Center (CMAC) by calling (800) 303-0101, and through other customary means.
- Contractor e-mail domain names have changed. The representative name or user ID remains the same for those contractors you normally email; however, the domain name has changed as follows:
 - Old: userID@sbcsbc.com New: userID@att.com
 - Old: name@mci.com New: name@verizonbusiness.com

BACKGROUND:

Until November 2005 the CALNET Contractors were known as SBC and MCI. Recent acquisitions and mergers have caused SBC and MCI to change their names to AT&T California and Verizon Business respectively, although Verizon Business is continuing to use the MCI name for the SIBS payee line. The two Contractors will conduct business under the same terms and conditions of the CALNET Contract agreed to by SBC and MCI.

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For questions regarding this bulletin or other telecommunications issues, please call the DTS Information Line at (916) 657-9974 (CALNET 8-437-9974), and ask to speak to a STND Consultant.



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